

Life!

Ann Landers

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I am the father of two sons born out of wedlock to two different women. I fathered one when I was a teenager, and the second was born during a relationship in college. Although both women wanted marriage, I felt it would be a mistake because of my immaturity and lack of financial security.

I've been a "hands-on" father, even though both boys have stepfathers. I pay child support and keep informed about their school grades and sports activities. My parents also take an active interest in their grandsons.

A year ago, I met the right woman and finally settled down. Since my marriage, the arrangement with my sons has not changed. They spend every weekend at my home. I also take them out to dinner or a movie at least twice a month in between weekend visits. We all have a good relationship. The boys proudly carry my surname.

The problem is my youngest son, "Danny," who is now 10. He has been giving my wife a very hard time. On weekends, he refuses to take any orders from her, including simple things like turning off the television or getting ready for breakfast. He has told her, "Shut up. You are not my mom." I demanded that he apologize, but his behavior has not improved.

My wife goes to great lengths to prepare nice meals for his visits. He makes fun of her efforts, calls her cooking "slop" and barely touches his food.

The final straw came two weeks ago, when he urinated on the brand new carpet in front of my wife. He thought it was funny. I wasn't home at the time.

His mother told us that Danny has exhibited no behavior or discipline problems at home or in school. My

wife has done nothing to deserve this abuse, yet he seems to hate her. What should we do?--No State, No City, Please

DEAR NO CITY: That 10-year-old is in desperate need of counseling. He must be made to understand that his behavior is totally unacceptable and that he must talk openly about his angry feelings in order to get rid of them.

Meanwhile, your wife should not be a doormat. She has the right to insist that Danny show her the proper respect. She should also have your permission to punish him as you would if he misbehaves in her home.

DEAR ANN LANDERS: I have been reading your column ever since I was in junior high and am now the mother of three children, two of them in the same junior high I attended.

I would like to know how you keep your blood pressure from going through the roof when you receive so many letters from kooks, weirdos, screwballs and ignorant fools who make fun of your hair-do and ask if your teeth are real.

Mean, insulting letters have got to bother you, yet you never seem to lose your cool or tell them off. How do you manage to keep the lid on? What's your secret?--San Antonio Reader

DEAR SAN ANTONIO: The kooks and weirdos do not bother me in the least because for every one of them there are thousands of intelligent, supportive readers like you who let me know they appreciate my column. In the words of that great song from the '40s, I "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative, and don't mess with Mr. In Between."

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Rowland, Varner chosen best Toastmaster speakers

Jigger Rowland and Pat Varner were chosen as best speakers during the recently meeting of the Hereford Toastmasters Club. The group met at the Ranch House Restaurant with President Gayla Sanders presiding.

Pat Varner led the pledge and the invocation was given by Clark Andrews.

During the business session, Education Vice President Rick Jackson reported on plans for the Area III Tall Tales and Speech Contest to be hosted by the Hereford Toastmasters Club.

Rowland served as toastmaster; Wayne Winget, timer; Dr. M.C.

Adams, "ah" counter; Varner, grammarian; Bob Lohr, wordmaster; and "optional" was the chosen word.

Joe Weaver and Sanders were the topic masters and topic speakers included Rick Jackson, Winget, Suzanne Finch, Rowland, Lohr, Andrews, Dr. Adams, Varner, Dave Kimmel, Weaver and Jackson.

The regular speaking part of the meeting was replaced with a topic session where participants learn to "think on their feet." The topic master assigned a topic to individual speakers who immediately spoke for about two minutes on that particular topic.

Hereford Beautification Alliance discussed by club

Jan Furr, representing the Hereford Beautification Alliance, was the guest speaker at the recent meeting of La Mar's Mia Study Club. The group met in the home of Betty Taylor.

Furr explained the purpose of the alliance, its goals and what the group is presently doing toward helping to clean up Hereford. She asked that all residents assist with this project.

Following the program, President Nicky Walser presided at the business meeting in which committee reports were given and correspondence was read.

It was announced that changes

have been made for some of the meetings. The club will meet March 11 in the home of Merle Clark.

Refreshments were served by co-hostess, Judy Williams, to Jan Furr and club members: Carolyn Baxter, Francine Bromlow, Merle Clark, Linda Cumpton, Mary Herring, Betty Lady, Barbara Manning, Glenda Marcum, Gladys Merritt, Bettye Owen, Nancy Paetzold, Susan Robbins, Lucy Rogers, Tricia Sims, Mysedia Smith, Georgia Sparks, Betty Taylor, Nicky Walser and Marline Watson.

Jewelry topic of program

"How Your Personality Affects Your Fashion Choices" was the program presented by Carol Lantz when members of Alpha Iota Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met recently in the Southwestern Public Service Reddy Room.

Lantz is a jeweler with Premier Jewelry.

During the business meeting, members received brochures for their annual Easter candy sale. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Leukemia Society and/or the Pediatric Cancer Kids at Texas Tech Clinic in Amarillo. If anyone is interested in purchasing candy, contact a chapter member or Glenna Calaway at 364-6831. The sale will end Thursday. Refreshments of soft drinks, pound

cane and banana nut bread were provided by Teresa Hopping, hostess, and Carmen Gonzales, co-hostess. Members attending were Janice Betzen, Jaime Brorman, Calaway, Danell Culp, Wanda Huseman, Marrie Leverett, MaryBeth Messer, Jane Meiwes, Jill Savoini, Judy Schumacher and Mary Bob Ward.

Camp Fire officers installed

"You Are the Key" was the theme used when Sherry Blackwell recently installed 1993-94 officers for the Hereford Camp Fire Leaders Association.

New officers include president, Johnnie Messer; vice president, Lucy McGowan; and secretary, Janie Nino.

Plans were also made for the Annual Awards Banquet which will be held at 7 p.m. March 11 at the Hereford Community Center.

For additional information about Hereford Camp Fire and its activities, call 364-0395.



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SPORTS

Estacado enters rankings after taking two from Herd

Texas baseball coaches must have been impressed with Estacado's double-header sweep of Hereford on Saturday; the Matadors jumped into ninth place in Class 4A in the latest poll released by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and the Houston Post.

The Matadors, 3-0, played like a quality team in both games. Hereford didn't play well in the first game, a 14-5 error-filled loss, but partly salvaged a long, cold day at Whiteface Field with a much-closer 6-4 loss in the nightcap.

Coach T.R. Sartor used an unusual line-up in the first game—only three of the starters in that game also started in the season-opening win over Tascosa—but he said the line-up wasn't responsible for the bad play.

"We were just looking a little bit—making sure we got to see everyone in a game situation," he said. "It's early in the year, so we're just checking things out. We just didn't play well in the first game. In the second game, though, we competed well and had a chance to win—they just beat us."

Hereford committed eight errors in the first game, and Estacado had the speed and power to take advantage. Ray Hastings started on the mound for Hereford and gave up all 14 runs in his 5 2/3 innings—but only three of the runs were earned runs. In Estacado's six-run fourth inning, Hereford committed three errors early in the inning, opening the door for Kirby Mims' two-run triple and for two double steals. When the top of the fourth inning was over, Estacado led 13-4.

Estacado scored three in the top of the first as Roctus Sanders had a two-run double. Hereford answered in the bottom of the first. Ralph Holguin led off with a single, stole second and scored on Richard Sanderson's double to the left field fence. Rene Cano reached on an error, then he and Sanderson pulled off a double steal, with Sanderson scoring. Cano came home on Ruben Ramos' single.

That's when Estacado starter Gomez found his rhythm. The first eight outs he got were all strikeouts—three of them looking. In all, he pitched six innings and struck out 11 Whitefaces while walking only three. After Hereford's opening burst, he gave up only four more hits.

Hereford got single runs in the second and fourth, but Estacado just kept on scoring: three in the second, one in the third and one in the sixth, as well as the six in the fourth.

Hereford's Sammy Casarez relieved Hastings with two out in the sixth and got the next four batters in order.

In the second game, Estacado scored two runs in the first, then took a 3-0 lead on Tashani Bibbs' mammoth home run in the third. The ball landed on LaPlata Drive and appeared to hit the house at LaPlata and Ranger after the first bounce.

Hereford got the run back in the bottom of the inning, as Chris Brummett walked, stole second and scored as the Mat shortstop booted Jake Head's sharp grounder.

In the fourth, Estacado scored three after two outs on a double and three consecutive singles. The inning ended when Head, the Herd's right fielder threw out Mims trying to stretch his single into a double. Estacado led 6-2.

In the bottom of the fourth, Tab Hathaway doubled and scored on a wild pitch. The bottom of the fifth started out promising for the Herd, as Cano and Head singled and Sanderson reached on catcher's interference, but they ended up getting only two runs on Ramos' RBI grounder and Hathaway's sac fly. That was all the scoring for Hereford.

Ramos pitched the whole game for Hereford, striking out five while walking none and giving up 11 hits. Three of the six runs were unearned.

In the first game, Sanderson was 3-for-3 with one run scored and one batted in, and Holguin was 2-for-4 with two runs scored. In the second

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Boys' track team starts with fourth-place finish

The Hereford boys' track team debuted with a fourth-place finish in the Class 4A division of the ABC Tiger Relays held Friday and Saturday in Wolfforth.

Hereford's 48 points placed the team behind Big Spring, which won with 152 points, Lamesa with 99 and Plainview with 76. Brownfield was fifth with 41 points, followed by Andrews, 37; Dunbar, 36; Estacado, 21; Morton, 16; Frenship, 15; Sweetwater, 8; Levelland, 7; and Pampa, 2.

The Herd was led by throwers Steven Blea, who won the shot put with a put of 52 feet, 2 inches, and James Hamer, who tied for second in the discus event and placed sixth in the shot.

"Overall I was pleased," Coach Ron Young said. "On Friday, we competed well and ran some good times. On Saturday, the weather just took over." The weather was nice on Friday but turned cold and ugly on Saturday, driving times up.

Hereford's 400-meter relay team of Petey Colvin, Shawn Fogo, Michael Ramirez and Quincy Curtis finished second in 43.83 seconds, behind only Big Spring's 42.58. Young said the relay team's pre-lim time of 43.44 was surprisingly good for this early in the season.

Colvin finished third in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.11 (10.99 in pre-lims). Colvin trailed Martin of Big Spring, 10.86, and Hines of Sweetwater, 11.02. Because of the cold weather and several delays, Colvin didn't run in the 200 finals, Young said.

Hamer threw the discus 131 feet, 10 inches, tying him for second with Andrews' Norton. Plainview's Caleb Holt won with a toss of 132-1. In the shot, Hamer's sixth-place throw went 45-6 3/4.

Finally, Hereford's 1,600-meter relay team of Fogo, Ramirez, Hayden Andrews and Nathan Betzen finished sixth in 3:39.59.

The team continues its season Saturday with the Lubbock Invitational.

Girls' track team finishes 3rd at Fort Stockton meet

The Hereford girls' track team placed third at the Comanche Relays held Friday and Saturday in Fort Stockton, according to coach Martha Emerson.

The Hereford team accumulated 84 points, behind only Fort Stockton, the winner, and San Angelo Lakeview.

"It was a good meet," Emerson said. "It was windy both days and very cool on Saturday. We scored in 12 of the 16 events. We need to get some points in the other four events and improve enough to get higher places in those other events. Next week will be a tougher meet (the Concho Belle Relays in San Angelo) so we must work very hard this week

is we hope to improve." One Hereford girl won an event: Jeannie Barrientez won the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.6 seconds. Barrientez also finished fourth in the 300 hurdles in 49.7.

Hereford got second-place points in the triple jump from Brandy Dunn (33-6 3/4) and in the discus from Beth Haile (93-6). Dunn also came in third in the long jump with a leap of 15-11 3/4—just ahead of teammate Angie Jowell's fourth-place effort of 15-3 1/2.

Two Hereford relay team finished third: the 800-meter relay team of Dunn, Krista West, Robin Chandler

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Bowling women to meet this week

The Hereford Women's Bowling Association will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Hereford Community Center. Besides the activities of a regular meeting, this meeting will feature the presentation of trophies from the recent City Tournament.

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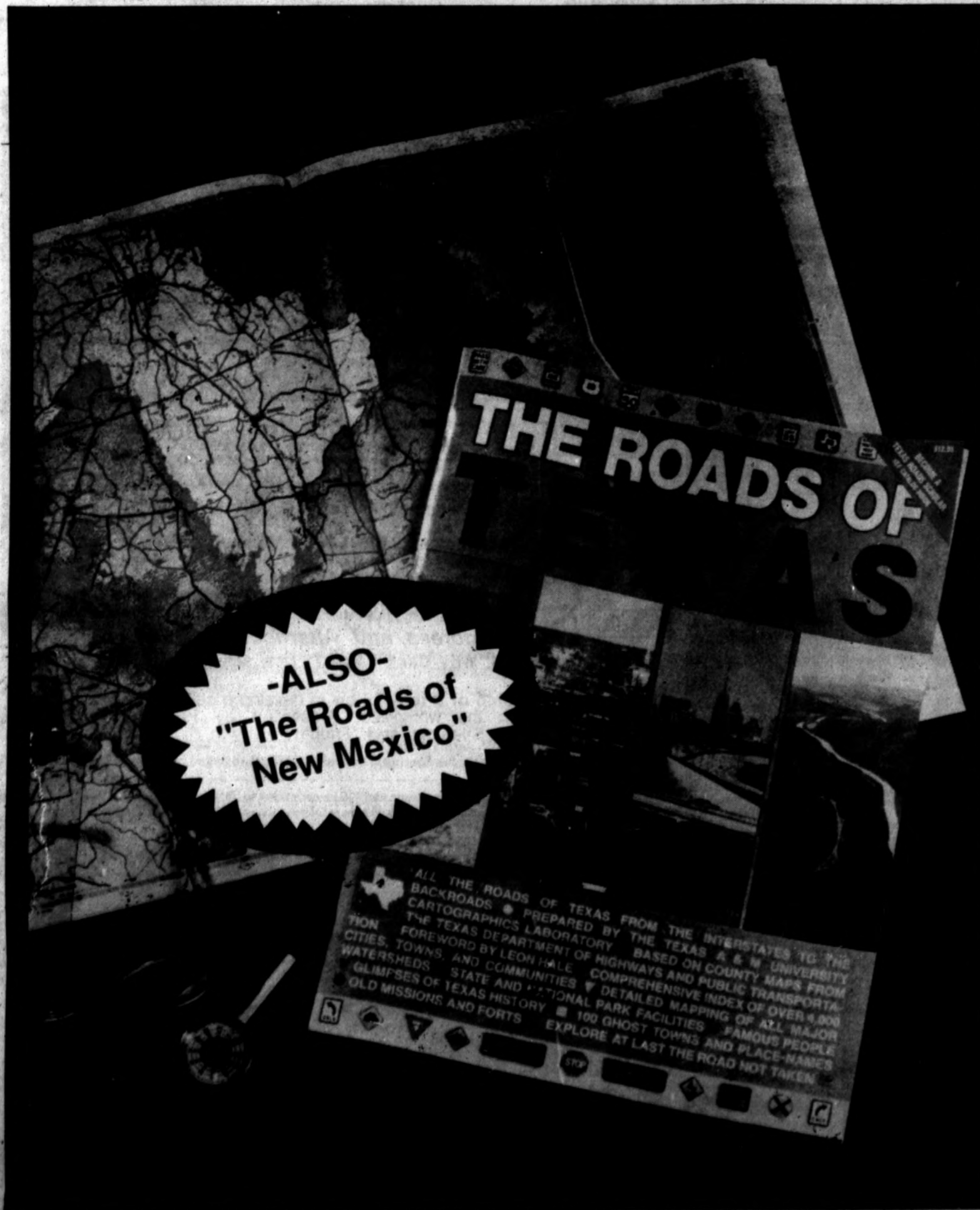
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Is Bo ready to go?

By The Associated Press

Is Bo ready? He's about to find out. Bo Jackson will be a designated hitter for the Chicago White Sox in Wednesday's intrasquad game and will take fly balls in the outfield later this week.

Jackson learned to slide on his right side even before his left hip replacement surgery and did a head-first dive into third base during a practice session the first week of camp at Sarasota, Fla.

Chicago has until March 15 to decide whether to exercise Jackson's option for 1993 for \$910,000 or buy out his contract for \$150,000.

But general manager Ron Schueler said a decision to pick up the option could come sooner if Jackson's comeback continues once exhibition games begin. Jackson has worked out at first base and continues doing everything during drills except run.

"He runs fast enough to play," manager Gene Lamont said. "He goes at it good. The one thing I admire is that when he goes out there, he really goes at it."

Although Jackson's speed now is considered to be average, Lamont is curious to see how fast Jackson is out of the batter's box. Jackson still displays a slight limp, but it is nowhere near the hobbling Jackson displayed before leaving spring training last year.

Meanwhile, there's no doubt about George Steinbrenner's comeback. With a self-congratulatory turn worthy of a Broadway showman - which he occasionally is - Steinbrenner celebrated the end of his 2 1/2-year suspension with a gala entry at the Yankees' camp in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"I never really thought about the day I'd come back, but I'm just glad to be back," Steinbrenner said.

More than 200 reporters wearing special "The Boss Is Back!" stickers rushed to meet him, and more than 2,000 fans mixed cheers and boos to greet him.

"It makes me feel good," Steinbrenner said as two dozen camera crews jostled for position next to him. "I'd rather get shoved around a little bit than have no one here."

With this out of the way, the Yankees can now focus attention on their improved team, which added Jim Abbott and Jimmy Key to the pitching staff in the off-season. It remains to be seen whether Steinbrenner dropped his bullying tactics during the suspension, which came about after he gave \$40,000 to a known gambler.

At Haines City, Fla., the Kansas City Royals said pitcher Mike Boddicker will have arthroscopic surgery Wednesday to repair torn meniscus cartilage in his left knee.

Boddicker is to return to spring training camp Saturday. Trainer Nick Swartz said he could be pitching again in two weeks.

"This is the best shape I've come to spring training in since I was 22, and I still get hurt," the 35-year-old Boddicker said.

Boddicker said he first noticed soreness in the knee Friday and that it got worse after he ran 10 100-yard dashes Saturday morning. He threw batting practice that afternoon, but was held out of fielding drills.

Mourning, Hornets muffle Jazz

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Alonzo Mourning says his style of basketball really isn't that difficult to understand.

But the Utah Jazz still were perplexed after the rookie center grabbed a career-high 22 rebounds, scored 17 points and tied his career mark of nine blocked shots in Charlotte's 110-107 victory Monday night.

"Anything that was in the vicinity of arm's reach I tried to block or rebound," Mourning said after the Hornets handed Utah its fifth straight loss since the All-Star break. "I just went out and tried to work as hard as I could."

In other NBA games, it was Detroit 99, Boston 95, and Golden State 131, Philadelphia 118.

Larry Johnson led Charlotte scorers with 28 points, while Johnny Newman had 23 on a 9-for-10 shooting night that ended a two-game Hornets' losing streak. Kendall Gill added 19 points.

Charlotte coach Allan Bristow said his players simply refused to give up against the Jazz, who led by 14 midway through the second period.

Utah got 32 points from Karl Malone. But the Mailman, as his fans call him, had trouble delivering. He hit just 11 of 24 shots against the defense of Mourning and Johnson.

Malone also missed what would have been the tying basket in the final seconds.

John Stockton added 22 points and 14 assists for the Jazz. Jeff Malone added 18 points.

"Our guys were fighting so hard to get back into the game," said Utah coach Jerry Sloan. "They were trying to the point that it was almost impossible for them."

Pistons 99, Celtics 95

Terry Mills' 3-pointer with 55.6 seconds left finished off his career game, leading the Pistons over the Celtics.

Detroit trailed 93-91 when Mills hit just his fourth 3-pointer of the season. Mills finished with 41 points, 13 more than his previous career best.

Detroit had to pull out the victory after blowing a 14-point lead in the second half.

Mills added nine rebounds to his game-high scoring total, while Isiah Thomas and Joe Dumars had 19 each

for the Pistons. Kevin Gamble led the Celtics with a season-high 31.

Warriors 131, 76ers 118

Chris Gatling, fresh off a one-game suspension, scored a career-high 29 points and Tim Hardaway added 27 points and 19 assists.

The Warriors, who built an early 23-point lead and were up 78-55 at halftime, broke a two-game losing streak.

Gatling missed Saturday's Warrior game at Seattle, serving a one-game suspension for fighting with Danny Manning of the Los Angeles Clippers last Friday. He returned with a vengeance, hitting 12 of his first 16 shots from the floor to shatter his previous career high of 21 points.

Redmen squeeze Orangemen

By The Associated Press

With four starters gone and coach Lou Carnesecca in retirement, St. John's didn't figure to spend this season among the upper echelon of the Big East.

In fact, in their preseason poll, conference coaches picked the Redmen to finish ninth in the league. That computes to nowhere in the nation.

But St. John's rose to No. 25 in

The Associated Press poll Monday night, then went out an hour later and routed Syracuse.

"We never thought about being ninth or anywhere," first-year coach Brian Mahoney said after a 90-70

victory. "We had a lot to do to get ready for the season, and then once it started we had a lot more to be concerned with."

Elsewhere in games involving ranked teams, it was New Mexico State 90, No. 16 UNLV 88; No. 17 New Orleans 52, Arkansas State 51; Oklahoma 89, No. 19 Oklahoma State 80, and No. 23 Massachusetts 86, St. Bonaventure 62.

BASEBALL

game, Hathaway was 2-for-2 with a run and an RBI.

Holguin left the second game after fouling a ball off his foot, but Sartor didn't know the extent of the injury on Monday. In other medical news, Stacey Sanders will miss about two

weeks after suffering a contusion of the collarbone in practice.

Hereford will play in the Levelland Tournament Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Their opening opponent on Thursday in Lubbock High.

Hereford's junior varsity team split a high scoring doubleheader Saturday in Plainview. Hereford lost the first game 10-4, then won the second game 14-0.

"Motivational speech," said coach Charlie Garza.

TRACK

and Deanna McCracken and the 1,600 team of Jowell, Barrientez, West and Amy Andrews.

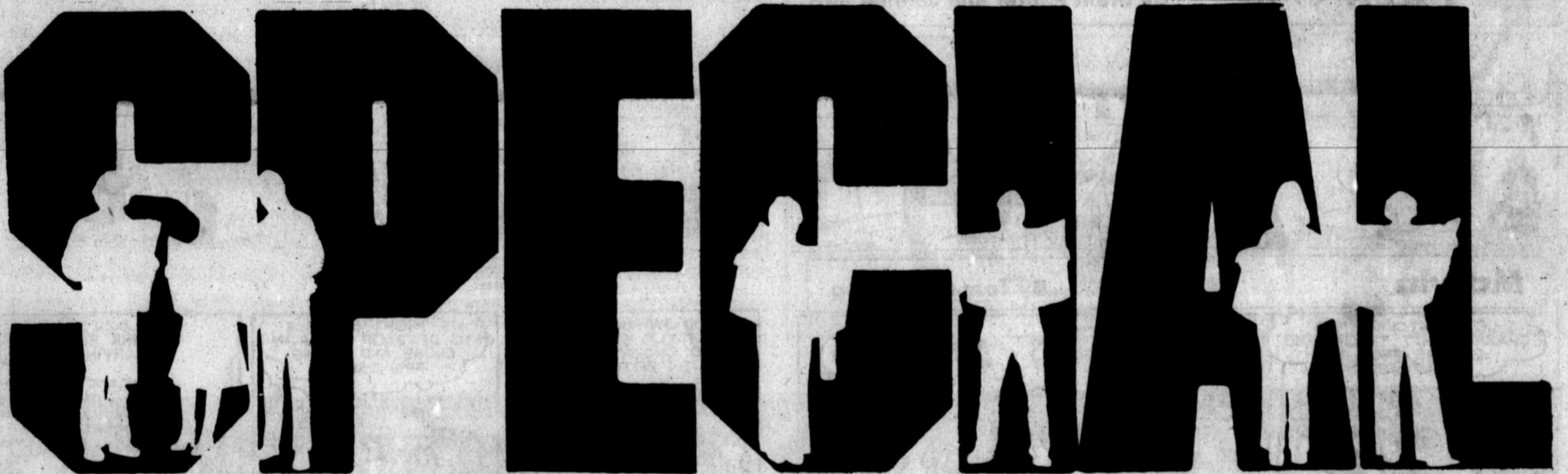
Claudia Ramirez picked up fourth-place points by putting the shot 31-7 1/2.

Hereford got four sixth-place finishes: Jowell in the 300 hurdles (53.7); McCracken in the 100 dash (13.8); and Ricka Williams in both the 1,600 run (6:30.3) and the 3,200 run (14:08.2).

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3-2 CRYPTOQUOTE
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CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Mar 84.05 84.05 84.05 +32 87.17 76.00 3,195
Apr 82.45 82.70 82.70 +30 84.75 74.31 2,857
May 82.70 82.80 82.70 +30 84.75 74.31 2,857
Aug 82.70 82.80 82.70 +30 84.75 74.31 2,857
Nov 82.70 82.80 82.70 +30 84.75 74.31 2,857
Dec 82.70 82.80 82.70 +30 84.75 74.31 2,857
Est vol 1,825; vol Fri 1,574; open int 13,002; +74

GRAIN FUTURES

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.
Mar 211 1/4 211 1/4 212 1/4 + 1/4 211 1/4 210 34,306
Apr 210 1/4 210 1/4 211 1/4 + 1/4 210 1/4 209 33,007
May 209 1/4 209 1/4 210 1/4 + 1/4 209 1/4 208 31,708
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Nov 205 1/4 205 1/4 206 1/4 + 1/4 205 1/4 204 29,110
Dec 204 1/4 204 1/4 205 1/4 + 1/4 204 1/4 203 27,811
Est vol 8,200; vol Fri 42,614; open int 226,490; -1,200

METAL FUTURES

GOLD (CMX) - 100 Troy oz., \$ per Troy oz.
Mar 329.80 329.80 329.80 +39 324.00 322.00 42,353
Apr 328.50 328.50 328.50 +39 322.00 320.00 41,054
May 327.20 327.20 327.20 +39 320.00 318.00 39,755
Aug 324.50 324.50 324.50 +39 320.00 318.00 39,755
Nov 321.50 321.50 321.50 +39 320.00 318.00 39,755
Dec 320.50 320.50 320.50 +39 320.00 318.00 39,755
Est vol 11,680; vol Fri 23,371; open int 166,750; -82

SILVER (CMX) - 5,000 Troy oz., \$ per Troy oz.

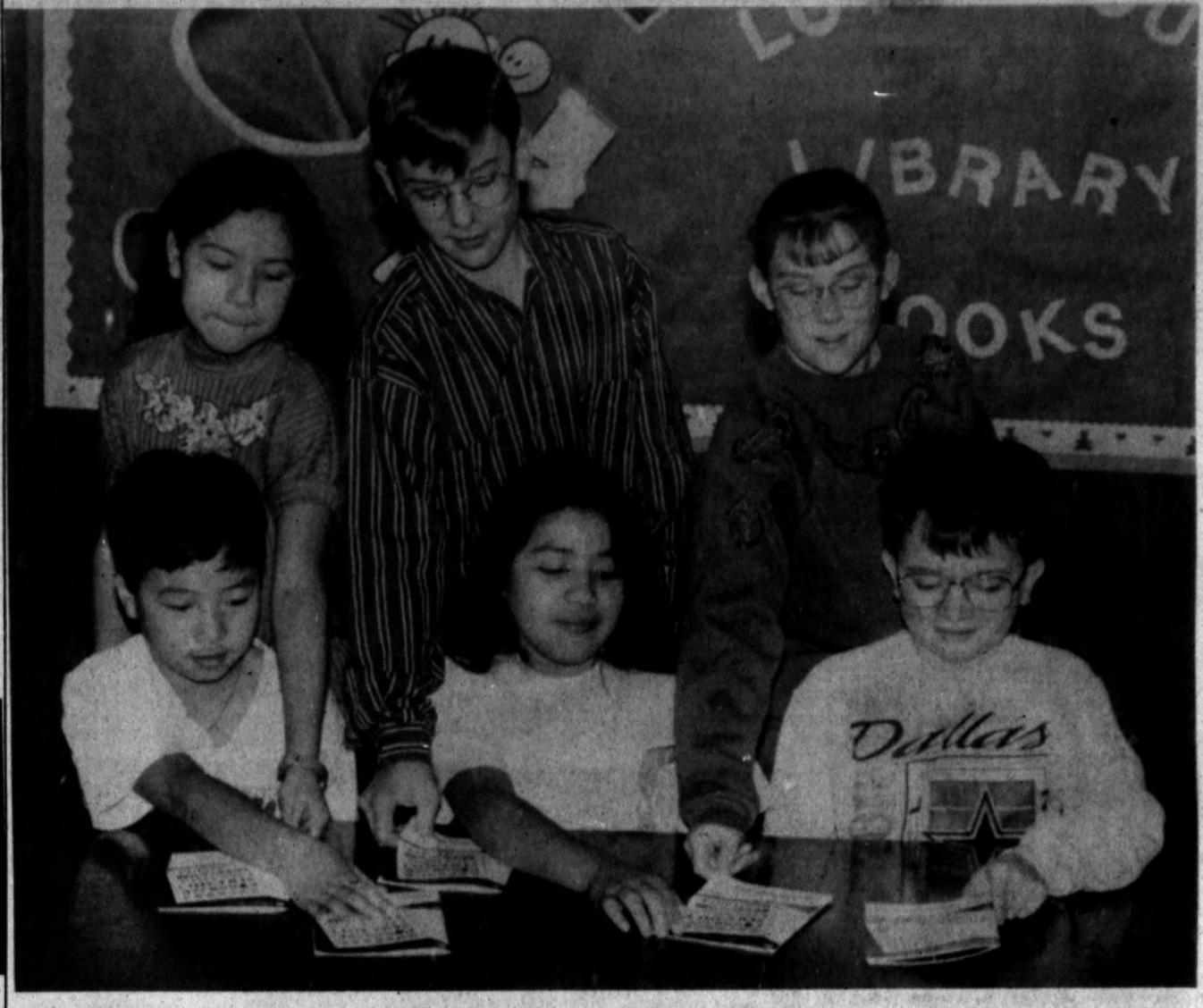
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May 362 1/2 362 1/2 362 1/2 + 1/2 360 1/2 359 1/2 3,180
Aug 359 1/2 359 1/2 359 1/2 + 1/2 358 1/2 357 1/2 3,050
Nov 356 1/2 356 1/2 356 1/2 + 1/2 355 1/2 354 1/2 2,920
Dec 355 1/2 355 1/2 355 1/2 + 1/2 354 1/2 353 1/2 2,790
Est vol 3,000; vol Fri 8,470; open int 69,426; -715

FUTURES OPTIONS

CATTLE-FEEDER (CME) 50,000 lbs., cents per lb.
Strike Call - Settle Put - Settle
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84 0.20 0.20 0.40 0.40 0.37
84 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10 0.10
Est vol 246

CORN (CBT) 5,000 bu., cents per bu.

Strike Call - Settle Put - Settle
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Est vol 1,320



West Central spellers
West Central Intermediate School recently held its school bee to provide participants in this year's County Bee. Those advancing to the county competition are: back, from left, Jennifer Vargas, sixth grade; Matthew Irish, sixth grade; and Colleen Kelley, fifth grade; front, from left, Tan Nguyn, fifth grade; Kristie Palacios, fifth grade; and Brigham Brown, fourth grade. Fourth and fifth graders will be in the Junior Bee on Thursday, while sixth through eighth graders will face off in the Senior Bee on Friday.



Nazarene school spellers
Nazarene Christian Academy will be represented in this year's Deaf Smith County Junior Spelling Bee on Thursday, plus the county Senior Bee on Friday. Those who advanced to the county competition from the school are, from left, Kasey Torres, sixth grade; Carey Lyles, sixth grade; Keaton Behrendsen, fourth grade; and Jeremy Williams, fourth grade. The bee will be held in the Heritage Room of the Deaf Smith County Library.

Aquifer users should reduce pumping water

MIDLAND, Texas (AP) - Users of the Edwards Aquifer should cut back their pumping and find new water sources in order to protect the underground reservoir, the Texas Water Commission says.
The agency filed a host of recommendations Monday with a federal judge who has ruled that endangered species are threatened when water levels drop in Edwards Aquifer-fed springs.
Commissioners said their 30-year plan would protect species like the fountain darter, as well as the Central Texas economy.
"We have presented a phased plan that will provide the highest protection possible for the species over the short term and a realistic time frame for achieving full protection, without creating severe economic harm and threatening public health and safety," said Commissioner John Hall.
"This plan will protect the species against 'once in a decade' droughts and includes the strongest emergency measures possible."
The aquifer, the sole source of drinking water for San Antonio, flows for 176 miles under five counties.
U.S. District Judge Lucius Bunton issued a 77-page ruling Feb. 1 giving the Texas Legislature until May 31 to come up with a plan to regulate the aquifer.

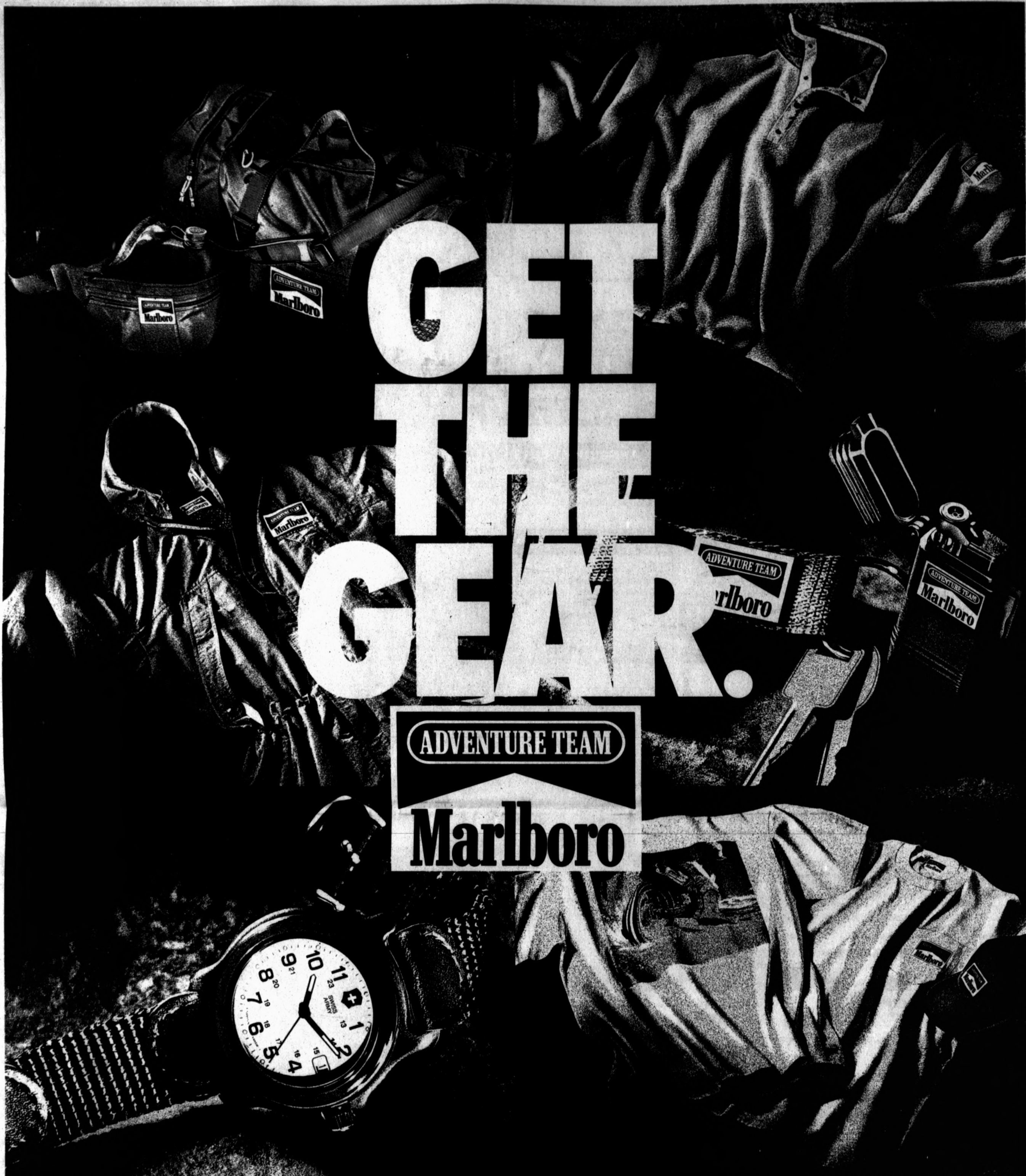


The judge ruled that the Legislature must reduce Edwards Aquifer pumping by at least 60 percent, a move that San Antonio officials said could spell economic disaster for the region.
Mayor Nelson Wolff praised the plan for pointing out the financial burden of forcing San Antonio to develop additional water sources.

Community Christian Spellers

Fourth-grader Erin Louder and her brother Jantzen, seventh grade, will represent Community Christian School at this year's Deaf Smith County Spelling Bee. Erin will compete in the Junior Bee on Thursday, while Jantzen - the runner-up in last year's county bee - will square off against other sixth through eighth graders in Friday's Senior Bee.

The Mexican revolt for independence from Spain began Sept. 16, 1810. In 1850, the slave trade was forbidden in the District of Columbia.



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